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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on April 15, 2003. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

In addition to this response and amendment, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Information Disclosure Statement. The filing of the RCE is to provide entry of this response and amendment, as well as entry of the Information Disclosure Statement.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above patent application as follow: